

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates:

January 29 - BRAVO field trip

January 30th – PTO Pancake Breakfast (Holmes Multipurpose Room)

February 5 - Skating field trip (Guilder field trip)

Week of February 8 - Conferences

March 19 - Young Scientists Conference

News

BRAVO field trip

On Friday, the 5th Grade will be walking to Brooks to see a BRAVO performance of *Flat Stanley*. We will leave at 9:00 and return in time for lunch. Permission slips were distributed last Friday and are due by Wednesday. There is no fee for this trip.

Ice Skating field trip

Friday, February 5 is the next Guilder field trip. We will be walking to Ridgeland for an afternoon of ice skating. Students need to have 300 Guilders in order to be eligible to attend this field trip. The cost of this trip is \$7, which includes skate rental. If your child does not need to rent skate, the cost is \$3. Permission slips and payment are due February 2.

D97 Young Scientists Conference!

Oak Park District 97 presents...The **2016 Young Scientists Conference!** It will return after a 3-year hiatus on Saturday, March 19, 9 AM - 10:30AM & 11AM - 12:30PM at Horace Mann School. The Young Scientists Conference provides D97 students in grades K-8 an opportunity to interact with scientists in hands-on workshops. Workshops are led by professionals in all fields of science. Many scientists also volunteer throughout the year in educational partnerships with D97 schools through Oak Park Education Foundation's Science Alliance Program. Students are assigned to one 90-minute workshop based on grade level. Students must register and are selected from homerooms by lottery to help assure that all schools and grades are represented. Participants will be notified by late February. Please register at <http://www.op97.org/ysc2016/>. Registration ends February 10. If you have any questions, please email youngscientists@op97.org.

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The

Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

Specials- www.holmesspecials.blogspot.com

Art

All classes will continue to work on their large Basquiat inspired paintings.

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

Last week we had our last in-class practice for our recorder assessment. Many students had an opportunity to record themselves in class and finish their work. I also held a help session on Thursday and Friday for students to attend. Students are now expected to finish and submit the assessment on their own. I will have another help session during lunch this week on Wednesday from 11:45-12:15. We will be continuing our composition assessment this week. Students may work on this during the help session on Wednesday as well if they are behind. If you have any questions please email me at akaria@op97.org.

--Mrs. Karia

Chorus

The students did a wonderful job at their in school assembly. We will now be practicing for our District Festival.

Spanish

We have completed our IMovies on each of our interpretation of Juan el Bombero. Now we are making new stories!. To check for any further updates visit my [blog](#). Or email me at afavela@op97.org.

Library, Reading Olympics

Please keep up with your reading! Don't forget to check in with your "team captain" who has the list of which books each teammate is reading.

<http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/Reading-Olympics.cfm>

Library

We're continuing our Taking a Stand unit, and are in our third week of reading excerpts from *Glory Be*. All excerpts and worksheets can be accessed and turned in through Google Classroom. Please email me with any questions! mmaneck@op97.org

Physical Education

Happy New Year! Our Holmes students will kick this new year off with conditioning. That's right! After much holiday feasting, it's time to whip our future leaders back in shape! Also for the entire month of February, our p.e. district 97 gymnastics unit will be going on. Specific skills such as balance and coordination will be key targets for the students improve upon and/or master..

Reading/Literature

This week, we will be continuing our ELA unit, "Taking a Stand." While working with our anchor text, *Maniac Magee*, students will continue thinking deeply about Maniac's perspective on the major events in the story. (RL.6) We will also compare characters and how they develop throughout the text. (RL.3) Students will take an assessment on Friday. On the assessment, students will be asked to compare and contrast characters and settings within *Maniac Magee*. (RL.3)

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each

night!

Writing

Our writing time will be spent working on science fair research papers. Students have completed a graphic organizer and will begin drafting, by synthesizing information from multiple sources to answer questions about their topic.

Math

In math this week, we will continue to work on fraction addition and subtraction word problems. Students will be using estimation and fraction sense to assess the reasonableness of their answers. On Thursday, students will take the first part of the unit assessment. The assessment will cover addition and subtraction of fractions and mixed numbers.

Science

In science this week, we will be finishing up our tan graphic organizers for the Science Fair research papers. We will also be starting out catapult experiment in order to prepare students to conduct their own controlled experiments for the Science Fair. A large portion of the research paper will be completed during writing time and at home, so please make sure that your child is keeping up with the due dates.

Social Studies

Students should be finishing up with their mapping of explorer's journeys. We will also play a trivia game to help us review content from the Age of Exploration unit. Finally, students will have an assessment on the Age of Exploration unit. They will be asked to match key vocabulary and identify main ideas from the unit.

Word Study

5F and 5L will be reviewing Unit 2 of our vocabulary curriculum this week, which focuses on the Latin bases *scrib*, *script*, *dict*, *pon*, *pos*, *posit*, *sed*, *sid*, *sess*, *cur*, *curs*, *cour*, and *cours*. Students in 5F and 5L will have an assessment on this unit at the end of the week. Students in 5M and 5C will have a week off of vocabulary, and everyone will begin unit 3 next week.

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